

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMCHANDRAN): (a) No, Sir

(b) and (c). In view of reply to part (a), the questions do not arise.

Fish Farmers Development Agencies

4737. SHRI M.V.V.S. MURTHY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Fish Development Agencies operating in Andhra Pradesh with their locations; and

(b) the funds released for development of agriculture in Andhra Pradesh during 1991-92?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Twenty two Fish Farmers' Development Agencies (FFDAs) have been sanctioned in Andhra Pradesh. The locations of these FFDAs are, Srikakulam, Vijayanagaram, Visakhapatnam, Kakinada, Eluru, Machilipatnam, Guntur, Ongole, Nellore, Cuddapah, Kurnool, Anantapur, Chittoor, Khammam, Karimnagar, Warangal, Nirmal, Nizamabad, Nalgonda, Mehboobnagar, Rangareddy and Sangareddy.

(b) An amount of Rupees Twenty two lakh, as Central assistance, has been released to Andhra Pradesh for development of freshwater aqua culture under FFDA Scheme during 1991-92.

Price Equalisation Policy for Natural Gas

4738. SHRIDHARMANNA MONDAYYA SADUL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Maharashtra and Gujarat have opposed the price equalization policy for natural gas;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the reaction of the Union Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (c). Governments of Maharashtra and Gujarat have represented about the pricing of natural gas. All issues have been taken into consideration by the Government of India while taking a decision in this regard.

[Translation]

DMS Booths

4739. SHRI PHOOLCHAND VERMA: SHRI B.L. SHARMA PREM:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of new milk booths opened in Trans-Yamuna area during the last one year by the Delhi Milk Scheme; and

(b) the criteria followed in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) Delhi Milk Scheme (DMS) has opened two new milk booths in Trans-Yamuna Area during the last one year which are:-

Depot No. 1949 September, 1991.

Depot No. 1967 October, 1991.

(b) Based on the pending requests of the consumers, a survey is normally conducted by DMS Field staff and if found justified new booth is opened subject to availability of milk.

[English]

Loan to SCs/STs by NSFDC and Delhi Scheduled Castes Finance and Development Corporation

4740. SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Finance Development Corporation and Delhi Scheduled Castes Finance and Development Corporation are providing loans to the SCs/STs for their economic development;

(b) the number of applications lying pending with them, separately, as on date; and

(c) the reasons therefor and the time by which these are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As on date, 131 applications are pending with National Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribe Finance and Development Corporation (NSFDC) and 23 with Delhi Scheduled Castes Financial and Development Corporation.

(c) Non-receipt of complete information by NSFDC. These applications will be cleared after the receipt of the requisite details.

The applications were pending with DSFDC for field survey and on spot verification which has since been completed. The applications are now in the process of being cleared.

[Translation]

Rearing of Goats

4741. SHRI YASHWANTRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a need to encourage goat rearing in the rural areas;

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken to promote rearing of goats;

(c) whether the Government have developed a cross breed of goats on the lines of Jersey cows;

(d) if so, the details thereof and per day milk yield from such goats;

(e) whether the Government have conducted any economic survey for cows and goats rearing; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) and (b). Goat rearing is an eligible activity under the Integrated Rural Development Programme. Under this Programme subsidy is provided to identified poor families for taking up various economic activities including goat rearing.

(c) and (d). The All India Coordinated Research project on goats (for milk) was taken up at National Dairy Research Institute, Karnal and Kerala Agriculture University, Trichur with the objective to evolve a new breed of milch goat suitable to the agro-